

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1           1. A traction sole overshoe comprising:  
2           an upper defining shoe entry opening;  
3           a sole attached to said upper and having a lower surface;  
4           disperse traction material imbedded in said sole and  
5           extending downward from said sole lower surface;  
6           said upper being made of flexible elastic material.

1           2. The traction sole overshoe of claim 1, said sole being  
2           of rubber material molded to said upper, said disperse material  
3           being selected from the group comprising sand, crushed rock,  
4           metal shavings, crushed porcelain, crushed sea shells, crushed  
5           nut shells, and a combination of any of said disperse materials.

1           3. The traction sole overshoe of claim 2, said disperse  
2           traction material being molded within said rubber material so as  
3           to be imbedded therein, said rubber material being Latex.

1           4. The traction sole overshoe of claim 3, said upper being  
2           made of an elastic material selected from the group comprising  
3           spandex, rubber, elastic Nylon, and other elastic cloth.

1           5.     The traction sole overshoe of claim 4, further  
2 comprising lateral chain segments imbedded in said lower surface  
3 of said sole.

1           6.     The traction sole overshoe of claim 4, said sole being  
2 formed in a toe and heel configuration.

1           7.     The traction sole overshoe of claim 1, wherein said  
2 upper is a full upper defining a selectively opening and closing  
3 slit opening said upper having a fastener mounted thereto for  
4 selectively opening and securing said slit opening, said  
5 fastener being selected from the group comprising hook and loop  
6 material, snaps, buckles, laces, and zippers.

1           8.     The traction sole overshoe of claim 7, wherein said  
2 slit opening is an overlap slit having mating hook and loop  
3 strips therealong which are separated for shoe entry and joined  
4 for securing said full upper overshoe on said shoe for use.

1           9.     The traction overshoe of claim 7, wherein said slit  
2 opening is an overlap slit separating said upper into first and  
3 second sides, said first side having a lateral strap extending  
4 therefrom over said second side, said lateral strap having a  
5 strip of loop material thereon, said second side having a strip

6 of hook material mating with said strip of loop material, said  
7 lateral strap being separable from said second side for shoe  
8 entry and securable to said second side during use upon mating  
9 of said strips of hook and loop material mating and closing said  
10 slit.

1 10. The traction overshoe of claim 7, in combination with  
2 a compact storage bag, wherein said overshoe is foldable or  
3 rollable into a compact shape for stowing a pair of said  
4 overshoes therein.

1 11. The traction overshoe of claim 1, wherein said upper  
2 is a slipper upper having a shoe entry opening extending around  
3 said overshoe so as to receive the lower portion of a shoe.

1 12. The traction overshoe of claim 11, said upper being  
2 sufficiently flexible and elastic so as to be securely mounted  
3 on a shoe by being stretched over the toe and heel of the shoe  
4 and being dismountable from the shoe by grasping and stretching  
5 said upper and pulling downward from the heel and then forward  
6 from the toe of the shoe.

1 13. The traction overshoe of claim 12, in combination with  
2 a compact storage bag, wherein said overshoe is foldable or

3 rollable into a stowable compact shape for stowing a pair of  
4 said overshoes therein.

1 14. The traction sole overshoe of claim 6, wherein said  
2 upper is a full upper defining a selectively opening and closing  
3 slit said upper having a fastener mounted thereto for  
4 selectively opening and securing said slit, said fastener being  
5 selected from the group comprising hook and loop material,  
6 snaps, buckles, laces, and zippers.

1 15. The traction sole overshoe of claim 14, wherein said  
2 slit opening is an overlap slit having mating hook and loop  
3 strips therealong which are separated for shoe entry and joined  
4 for securing said full upper overshoe on said shoe for use.

1 16. The traction overshoe of claim 14, wherein said slit  
2 opening is an overlap slit separating said upper into first and  
3 second sides, said first side having a lateral strap extending  
4 therefrom over said second side, said lateral strap having a  
5 strip of loop material thereon, said second side having a strip  
6 of hook material mating with said strip of loop material, said  
7 lateral strap being separable from said second side for shoe  
8 entry and securable to said second side during use upon mating

9 of said strips of hook and loop material mating and closing said  
10 slit.

1 17. The traction overshoe of claim 6, wherein said upper  
2 is a slipper upper having a shoe entry opening extending around  
3 said overshoe so as to receive the lower portion of a shoe.

1 18. The traction overshoe of claim 17, in combination with  
2 a compact storage bag, wherein said overshoe is foldable or  
3 rollable into a stowable compact shape for stowing a pair of  
4 said overshoes therein.

1 19. A method of making a traction overshoe comprising:  
2 spreading a disperse traction material over the surface of  
3 an overshoe sole mold;

4 spreading a vulcanizable rubber material over said disperse  
5 traction material;

6 placing an upper on said vulcanizable rubber material such  
7 as to bind therewith; and

8 vulcanizing said rubber material to form said traction  
9 overshoe.

1        20. The method of claim 19, wherein said disperse traction  
2 material is selected from the group comprising sand, crushed  
3 rock, metal shavings, crushed porcelain, crushed sea shells, and  
4 crushed nut shells, and said vulcanizable rubber material is  
5 Latex.